

**Solid Waste and Recycling Proposal**  
**City of Wichita**  
**September 2011**

**Background:**

For over a year, the City of Wichita has been working with the citizens of Wichita and the hauler community serving Wichita to develop a solid waste and recycling plan that addresses community concerns. Previously presented to City Council Members in a council workshop was the Solid Waste Hauler Cooperative proposal which addressed these frequently mentioned concerns in the community:

1. Limited recycling and over abundance of waste dumped into local disposal sites
2. Increased traffic of waste hauling trucks on City residential streets

Concerns with the proposed plan have been mentioned by the public and the Council since its release; the majority of these concerns centered on the price for service and freedom of choice to select a trash service. To address these issues, the revised plan does not recommend a Cooperative of haulers, but recommends City licensing requirements to increase recycling in the community and decrease the waste stream to local disposal sites while keeping the free market open for solid waste collection.

**Solid Waste Proposal:**

An ordinance would be written by City of Wichita staff that requires all solid waste haulers collecting solid waste within the City of Wichita to provide a plan for how their company would provide a “pay-as-you-throw” system of solid waste collection. This plan would be due with each hauler’s license application on November 1, 2011. The plan should include how the business plans on implementing such system by the next license renewal on the following year (November 1, 2012). Plans must provide options for low-generating users at a reduced price, such as reduced gallon trash containers.

**Recycling Proposal:**

An ordinance would be written by City of Wichita staff that mandates all trash haulers licensed to collect solid waste within the City of Wichita to also provide single-stream recycling service as an option to their customers. Hauling companies would be given one (1) year to acquire the capital assets necessary to provide this service upon the renewal of their license on November 1, 2012.

**Price Inequities:**

City of Wichita staff would create an interactive website where residents can voluntarily provide 1) their trash service provider, 2) cost for service, 3) whether they utilize recycling or not. Each of these criteria would be chosen from a drop box of selections and limits would be set to allow for only one submittal of information per person.

**Program Administration:**

Each year, starting in November 1 of 2012, solid waste collectors wishing to operate within the City of Wichita and abide by the aforementioned ordinances, would be provided with a license to collect solid waste and recycling including a 10 year contract with the City of Wichita, and decals for their fleet for a \$450 decal fee per packer truck.

